



ORDER NO. 09-12-20-04

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR
RESTRICTING OCCUPANCY AND USE, TO WIT:
HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST, INDIANA**

Under the authority of the Act of Congress dated June 4, 1897, as amended (16 U.S.C. 551), and pursuant to the Secretary of Agriculture's Regulations set forth as 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B (36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b)), the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the Hoosier National Forest located in Indiana. Said areas being described and designated as shown on the map set forth as Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and made a part hereto:

Entering or being upon or in an area described in the Order as being closed pursuant to (36 CFR 261.53(e)) for reasons of public health and safety. The following areas are Ordered Closed until termination of this Emergency Order or 45 days from signature date, whichever comes first:

All developed recreation facilities on the Hoosier National Forest. This includes all restrooms, campgrounds, horse camps, and the Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower. This closure does not include trails, associated trailheads, or parking lots.

THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO PROTECT NATIONAL FOREST PROPERTY/RESOURCES. THEY ARE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL PROHIBITIONS SET FORTH IN 36 CFR PART 261. THIS ORDER WILL TERMINATE 45 DAYS FROM THE SIGNED DATE OF THE ORDER OR, PRIOR TO THE TERMINATION DATE WHEN WITHDRAWN BY A TERMINATION ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR.

Pursuant to the provisions of 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission (36 CFR 261.50(e)(1)); and,
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty (36 CFR 261.50(e)(4)).

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 U.S.C., 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

Dated this 24th day of March 2020, at Bedford, Indiana.

s/Michael Chaveas

Michael Chaveas
Forest Supervisor

Hoosier National Forest

APPENDIX A Developed Recreation Site Closure Order Closure Order 09-12-20-04

LEGEND

-  Hoosier Forest Boundary
-  US Forest Service Land

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Date: 3/24/2020

